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During the summer of 1952 I travelled extensively in Western Europe and made a special effort to acquire Communist literature, especially the popular type of propaganda. This included particularly the picture papers and magazines of the type sold at public newsstands. During the summer of 1953 I covered approximately the same ground and anticipated collecting more of the same type of material being published currently. I was considerably surprised to discover that whereas in 1952 such material was easily acquired nearly everywhere I went my subsequent efforts at collecting were completely unsuccessful. During the summer of 1953 I tried persistently but without result to acquire similar publications, even at the same kiosks where I had made purchases of this propaganda previously. It seems unlikely that it was just coincidence that the purveyors of Communist literature were all just temporarily out of stock but I could not obtain any satisfactory explanation for its absence.

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